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E.O. 11652: GDS
TAGS: MTN, ETRD, RP
SUBJECT: US-PHILIPPINES ECONOMIC NEGOTIATIONS

REF: GENEVA 300

1. EMBASSY'S ECONOMIC COUNSELOR, HAVING SOUGHT OUT AMBASSADOR VEGA UPON RECEIPT OF REFTEL, WAS INVITED TO LUNCHEON JANUARY 13 BY DFA'S ASSISTANT SECRETARY FOR ECONOMIC AFFAIRS PABLO SUAREZ AND VEGA. LATTER SAID HE EXPECTED TO BE BACK IN GENEVA THE FIRST WEEK IN FEBRUARY.

2. HE SAID HE WAS PREPARED TO RESUME US/PHILIPPINE TROPICAL PRODUCTS NEGOTIATIONS ABOUT MID-FEBRUARY. HE HOPED WE COULD THEREUPON CONCLUDE AGREEMENT BILATERALLY AND QUIETLY AND AGREEMENT COULD BE LAID ASIDE FOR SIGNING AT CONCLUSION OF MTN. HE HOPED BY THIS FORMULA TO AVOID CONSTRAINTS, DURING NEGOTIATING PHASE WITH US, OF HAVING TO COORDINATE WITH ASEAN PARTNERS WHICH HE SAID PHILIPPINES IS OBLIGATED TO DO.

3. HE HOPED ALSO TO RECEIVE A LITTLE MORE NEGOTIATING LEEWAY VIA INSTRUCTIONS PRESENTLY PENDING WITH THE PRESIDENT WHICH WOULD PERMIT SOME OFFERS OF TARIFF CUTS TO US. SUAREZ THOUGHT PRESIDENT MARCOS HAD ALREADY SIGNED OFF
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ON THIS AUTHORITY, AND UNDERTOOK TO CHECK AND LET EMBOFF KNOW. EMBOFF INDICATED THAT ANY SWEETENERS FROM THE PHILIPPINE SIDE WOULD INDEED FACILITATE WORK OF US NEGOTIATORS. EMBASSY WILL FOLLOW UP ON THIS, WITH RESTRAINED OPTIMISM.
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